

Adventist Frontier Missions Career Missionary Calls

Please note definition of a unit: a single person, a married couple, or a family.

AFRICA CALLS

--Dendi Muslim/Animists of Benin

Living in the least evangelized non-Muslim country south of the Sahara, the Dendi remain, at least superficially, almost 100 percent Muslim. The reality is that spirit possession, sorcery, ancestor worship, and witchcraft remain the vital components of Dendi belief. Currently, there are very few Christian resources available in the Dendi language. A majority of these precious people have not heard a clear presentation of the gospel. **Workers Needed: Two units** willing to get close to the Dendi people through the use of practical skills and simple medical work will make a huge difference for the Dendi of Benin.

AF/BDe-01

AF/BDe-02

--Maninka Muslim/Animists of Guinea

This second largest people group in Guinea make their living as farmers, miners, and merchants. Patriarchal and polygamist, their society is known for its ingenuity and leadership. The Maninka value honesty, logical thinking, and the ability to speak in public; however, they are very suspicious and men avoid close personal relationships. Maninka Islam approves of divination, healing, and certain magical procedures. Fear plays a large part in their spiritual lives. **Workers Needed: One more unit** with practical skills such as simple medical treatments, construction know-how, mechanical and/or farming techniques will break down prejudice and open the way to soul-winning.

AF/GM-02

--Hausa Animists of Niger

The Hausa are the largest ethnic group in West Africa. Primarily farmers, shepherds, and traders, most Hausa live in rural villages of 2,000 to 12,000 inhabitants. These rural people have resisted the spread of Islam, clinging to their local traditions. They combine belief in a variety of good and evil spirits with a superficial mix of Islam. Target town: Dogondoutchi. **Workers Needed: Two units** to develop significant relationships with the Hausa by ministering to their health and educational needs, agricultural skills also helpful.

AF/NH-01

AF/NH-02

ASIA CALLS

--Pnong Animists of Cambodia

If you love the woods and forests of the eastern United States, you are going to love the countryside where the Pnong live. Far up in the northeastern corner of Cambodia very near the Vietnam border, there are broad, sweeping, forest-covered hills with waterfalls and rivers in the deep valleys. Scattered throughout this woodland area are the Pnong who typically live in thatched bamboo, two-storey long-houses with rounded ends. They are farmers and foresters, using elephants to haul trees and cargo. Their lives center around the worship of many nature spirits and ceremonies designed to appease and manipulate them. You would need to learn both the Khmer language and the Pnong language. However, SIL and other Christian groups have reduced the Pnong language to a written one, have available primers and dictionaries, and are working on a Bible translation. Thanks to them, the learning of Pnong is much easier now.

Workers Needed: One unit to join Braden and Johanna Pewitt, a young and vibrant couple.

AS/CP-02

--Muslims of Central Asia (Reach-Out Project)

This group of more than 8 million have no viable SDA presence. They live in a land of extreme temperatures, with towering mountains and deep basins. They are both conservative Muslim and avowed atheist; they live caught in the struggle between developing wealth and medieval poverty. They are educated people but traditional. Ancient roots tie their culture and language to Turkik peoples. AFM's work among them is to develop a thriving church body. This will require language acquisition at a university (two years enrolled as a student) and then securing a job as an English language teacher. Friendship evangelism is the only way to witness in this location and even that must be sensitively handled. **Workers Needed: Two units** to work in partnership with existing team members. Need personal skills, teaching skills, and spiritual gifts of prayer, teaching, hospitality, and discernment.

AS/CY-04

AS/CY-05

--Mien Traditional Chinese of China

The Mien are descendants of a group of Chinese who were once the Emperor's special servants back in the days of the Chinese dynasties. Presently, they are spread throughout Thailand, Laos, Vietnam and Western China. Although they are basically Chinese and most of them read Chinese, they have many of their own traditions and spirit ceremonies and culture. You would be greatly helped in reaching the Mien of China by the past research and curriculum and materials collected and developed by previous AFM missionary's Mien projects in Thailand.

There is also a Mien Bible nearing completion by SIL missionaries in Chiangmai, Thailand. You would need to learn both Mandarin and the Mien language. And you would need to have a tent-making approach to reach these people, as the people and the government are eager to have business opportunities made available. **Workers Needed: Two units.**

AS/CM-01

AS/CM-02

--Bama Buddhists of Myanmar

The overwhelming majority of the more than 50 million people of Myanmar are members of the Bama people group. The Bama live primarily in the fertile delta between the Irrawaddy and Salween Rivers of this country formerly known as Burma. This people group practices Theravada Buddhism mingled with folk animism and live very much in fear of spirits whom they attempt to appease. Less than one percent of the Bama are Christian. **Workers Needed: Two units** with personal evangelism skills.

AS/MB-01

AS/MB-02

EUROPE CALLS

--Greek Orthodox of Greece

The Greek Orthodox are sophisticated Europeans who are, in general, quite secular but at the same time have a deep conviction that their Greek Orthodox religion is the true religion. Thus, they have a deep suspicion of other religions, especially American ones. They do not respond to direct evangelistic approaches or programs, but do respond to quiet personal evangelism, which focuses on sharing within the context of a close personal relationship. **Workers Needed: One unit**, preferably citizens of a European country. They should have quite a bit of experience in personal soul-winning but should plan for a semi-tentmaking ministry in which they work at least part time at a secular job. Teaching foreign language is one viable option. Missionary children should be prepared to attend Greek public school or do homeschooling. The work in Greece has gone very slowly for both Greek and foreign workers so the missionary should also plan for a significant time commitment.

EU/GG-02

--Turkish Muslims of Turkey

Turkey is truly a gateway to the heart of Asia, the Muslim world, and the Turkic window. Istanbul was founded because of its strategic location for military conquest, and for religious influence. Ephesus on the coast was a launching pad for Christian foreign mission. And of course Jesus made his last verbal message to the church through churches and cities on what is now Turkish soil. With over 70 million people and fewer than a dozen Turkish Adventists, the common people of Turkey need Jesus. **Workers Needed: One more unit.** Someone to work as a health educator. Teach and train Turks about the hazards of smoking and how to quit. Instruct in lifestyle issues including diabetes, cardiovascular disease, etc. Learn the language as a student and explore possibilities for the expansion of health-related ministry. Skills needed in organizing, presentation, teaching. Begin as a language student in Izmir. An advertising and marketing specialist with a media background to market Bible lessons and seminars. Will spend two years as a student of the Turkish language and culture. Should have significant fundraising abilities and computer skills as well as a love for truth, an ability to organize, vision for potential radio/television ministry, and evangelistic and soul winning skills.

EU/TT-04